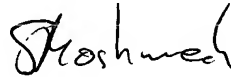


REMARKS

Claims 3-10, 14-16 and 18-21 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.
No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

--3. (Amended) Compositions according to [any one of claims 1 to 2] claim 1, characterized in that they have a hardening behavior under elongation in the molten state characterized by an exponential increase in elongational viscosity according to time.

4. (Amended) Compositions according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, characterized in that they comprise a thermoplastic aliphatic polyester of which the mean molecular mass in number, measured by gel permeation chromatography, is in excess of or equal to 10,000 g/mole.

5. (Amended) Compositions according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 4, characterized in that they comprise a thermoplastic aliphatic polyester of which the mean molecular mass in number, measured by gel permeation chromatography, is less than or equal to 200,000 g/mole.

6. (Amended) Compositions according to [any one of claims 4 to 5] claim 4, characterized in that the thermoplastic aliphatic polyester consists of a single polymer.

7. (Amended) Compositions according to [any one of claims 4 to 5] claim 4, characterized in that the thermoplastic aliphatic polyester results from the mixing of at least two thermoplastic aliphatic polyesters.

8. (Amended) Compositions according to [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, characterized in that they also contain at least one filler material.

9. (Amended) Compositions according to [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1, characterized in that the thermoplastic aliphatic polyesters are ϵ -caprolactone polymers.

10. (Amended) A process for preparation of compositions for thermoplastic aliphatic polyesters according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1, characterized in that there is caused to react in a molten mass in an extruder a thermoplastic aliphatic polyester with a radical generator in a quantity ranging between 0.01 and 0.2% by weight in relation to the thermoplastic aliphatic polyester.

14. (Amended) A process according to [any one of claims 10 to 13] claim 10, characterized in that at least one filler material is added.

15. (Amended) The use of compositions according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1 for the manufacture of films, foams, bottles or thermally molded products.

16. (Amended) Films obtained starting from the compositions according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1.

18. (Amended) The use of the films according to [any one of claims 16 to 17] claim 16 for the manufacture of trash bags, films for agriculture, films for packaging, shrouds, disposable diapers and adhesive films.

19. (Amended) Foams obtained starting from the compositions according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1.

20. (Amended) Bottles obtained starting from the compositions according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1.

21. (Amended) Thermally molded products obtained starting from the compositions according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1.--